Application for Multi-Court Exemption from the Judicial Conference's Electronic Public Access (EPA) Fees

1.) I am requesting an exemption from fees for public access to electronic case records for the courts selected below: Bankruptcy Appellate Panels (BAP) **Courts of Appeal** First Circuit - BAP Seventh Circuit ☐ All Courts of Appeal Sixth Circuit - BAP Eighth Circuit First Circuit Eighth Circuit - BAP Ninth Circuit Second Circuit Ninth Circuit - BAP ☐ Tenth Circuit Third Circuit Tenth Circuit - BAP Eleventh Circuit Fourth Circuit D.C. Circuit Fifth Circuit Federal Circuit Sixth Circuit **District Courts** All District Courts Rhode Island Alabama Middle South Carolina Nevada Alabama Northern Illinois Central South Dakota New Hampshire Illinois Southern Alabama Southern Tennessee Eastern New Jersey Indiana Northern Alaska Tennessee Middle Indiana Southern New Mexico Arizona Tennessee Western Iowa Northern New York Eastern Arkansas Eastern Texas Eastern New York Northern Iowa Southern Arkansas Western Texas Northern New York Southern California Central New York Western Texas Southern Kentucky Eastern California Eastern Texas Western North Carolina Eastern Kentucky Western California Northern North Carolina Middle Utah Louisiana Eastern California Southern Vermont North Carolina Western Louisiana Middle Colorado ☐ Virgin Islands North Dakota Louisiana Western Connecticut ☐ Virginia Eastern Northern Mariana Islands Delaware Maine ☐ Virginia Western Ohio Northern District of Columbia Maryland Washington Eastern Ohio Southern Massachusetts Florida Middle ☐ Washington Western Oklahoma Eastern Michigan Eastern Florida Northern West Virginia Northern Oklahoma Northern Florida Southern Michigan Western West Virginia Southern Oklahoma Western Minnesota Georgia Northern Wisconsin Eastern Mississippi Northern Oregon Georgia Middle Wisconsin Western Pennsylvania Eastern Mississippi Southern Georgia Southern ☐ Wyoming Pennsylvania Middle Missouri Eastern Guam Pennsylvania Western Missouri Western Hawaii Puerto Rico Montana Idaho

Bankruptcy Courts			
All Bankruptcy Courts	5		
Alabama Middle	Illinois Northern	Nebraska	Rhode Island
Alabama Northern	☐ Illinois Central	Nevada	South Carolina
Alabama Southern	☐ Illinois Southern	New Hampshire	South Dakota
Alaska	Indiana Northern	☐ New Jersey	☐ Tennessee Eastern
Arizona	Indiana Southern	New Mexico	Tennessee Middle
Arkansas Eastern	☐ Iowa Northern	New York Eastern	Tennessee Western
Arkansas Western	☐ Iowa Southern	New York Northern	Texas Eastern
California Central	Kansas	New York Southern	Texas Northern
California Eastern	☐ Kentucky Eastern	New York Western	☐ Texas Southern
California Northern	Kentucky Western	☐ North Carolina Eastern	Texas Western
California Southern	Louisiana Eastern	North Carolina Middle	Utah
Colorado	Louisiana Middle	☐ North Carolina Western	Vermont
Connecticut	Louisiana Western	North Dakota	☐ Virgin Islands
Delaware	Maine	Northern Mariana Islands	☐ Virginia Eastern
☐ District of Columbia	Maryland	Ohio Northern	☐ Virginia Western
☐ Florida Middle	Massachusetts	Ohio Southern	☐ Washington Eastern
Florida Northern	Michigan Eastern	Oklahoma Eastern	Washington Western
Florida Southern	Michigan Western	Oklahoma Northern	West Virginia Northern
Georgia Northern	Minnesota	Oklahoma Western	West Virginia Southern
Georgia Middle	Mississippi Northern	Oregon	Wisconsin Eastern
Georgia Southern	Mississippi Southern	Pennsylvania Eastern	Wisconsin Western
Guam	Missouri Eastern	Pennsylvania Middle	Wyoming
☐ Hawaii	Missouri Western	Pennsylvania Western	
Idaho	Montana	☐ Puerto Rico	
National Courts			
Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation	U.S. Court of Federal Claims	U.S. Court of International Trade	
2.) I am an individual associated with the University of Colorado Boulder,			
3.) Please summarize why the case information from the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) service is needed and how it will be used. Also, please explain why an exemption from the courts identified is necessary. If you need more space, please provide in an attachment. I am doing research about different communicative activities during civil jury trials, and am starting this multi-year research project analyzing judges' preliminary comments/instructions to juries. I would like to get transcripts of the jury trials in the video archives, if possible full transcripts of the 30 trials. Attached is the list of cases in the nine courts, and a brief summary of my curriculum vitae to document my research credentials.			
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- 4.) In support of this application, I affirm the following:
 - a) An exemption from the Judicial Conference's EPA Fee is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.
 - b) That the exemption will be for a definitive period of time: for downloading transcripts (a few days)

- c) I understand that this fee exemption will apply only to me, will be valid only for the purposes stated above, and will apply only to the electronic case files of the court(s) indicated above that are available through the PACER service.
- d) I agree that any data received through this exemption will not be sold for profit, will not be transferred, will not be used for commercial purposes, and will not be redistributed via the Internet.

Declaration: I declare that all the above information is true and understand that a false statement x may result in termination of my exempt access and an assessment of Electronic Public Access usage fees. (The box must be marked or your request will not be considered)

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Date

Submit by Email

Please submit your completed, signed request via email to Multi-CourtExemptions@ao.uscourts.gov or by mail to:

Attention: Multi-Court Exemptions Court Programs Division DPS-CSO-PRGD One Columbus Circle, N.E. Washington, DC 20544

^{**} Requests sent through the US mail may take up to two weeks to clear security. **